



PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 81614A
Customer Number 23685

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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CHARLES H. PUGSLEY ET AL.)	
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Serial No.: 10/712,966)	Group Art Unit: 3731
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Filed: November 12, 2003)	Examiner: Julian W. Woo
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For: IMPERMANENT BIOCOMPAT-)	Confirmation Number: 9418
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the remarks below.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Claims** in this paper; nevertheless, the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.